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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY JENKINS ADVISES THE PUBLIC THAT MAKING A BOMB THREAT CAN LAND YOU IN JAIL**

Anthony J. Jenkins, United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, advised the public today that making a bomb threat is illegal under federal law. It is also illegal to use a telephone, or other methods of interstate communication to make such threats. A higher penalty applies when the threats are associated with acts of terrorism, hate crimes or intimidation, but the mere act of making a bomb threat is a felony under federal law punishable by a period of incarceration of up to five years, Jenkins stressed. U.S. Attorney Jenkins pledged that his Office would fully investigate and that it would prosecute to the maximum extent allowable under the law any person caught making bomb threats.

U.S. Attorney Jenkins made it clear that if an investigation establishes facts sufficient to charge any person with a violation of the federal statutes, the individual will be prosecuted in accordance with the policy of the U.S. Attorney's Office.